



**CASA**

Court Appointed Special Advocates

**FOR CHILDREN**

# Partnership for Kids

## 2004 Statewide CASA Conference

**November 19 & 20, 2004**  
**Virginia Beach, Virginia**

Sponsored by

Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services  
Advisory Committee to the CASA/CJA Programs  
National CASA Association

## CONFERENCE GOALS

The first CASA program in Virginia was established in 1986. Since then, we have grown to 27 programs. Last year, more than 1200 volunteers served 4300 abused and neglected children throughout the Commonwealth. The CASA programs in Virginia have accomplished much and have a great deal to be proud of. These accomplishments are due to the incredible commitment of volunteers, staff and our partners in child welfare.

The 2004 Statewide CASA Conference: Partnerships For Kids will be the sixth time this event has been offered. The focus of the conference is to enhance and build skills relating to the advocacy efforts which all child welfare partners need in order to best serve abused and neglected children. Therefore, this year's conference participants will choose workshops on a variety of topics as they relate to working with children and families and working within the child welfare system. Equally important, sessions will respond to the issues of nurturing and personal growth for staff and volunteers.

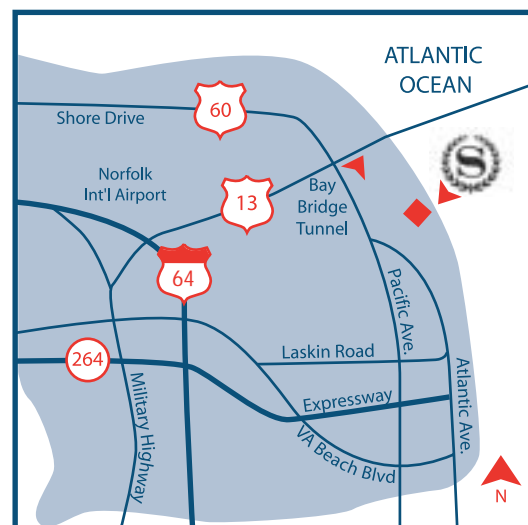
We hope that participants will receive excellent training, motivation and encouragement for the very difficult work they do day in and day out. In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to renew friendships, rekindle enthusiasm, and to celebrate that Virginia has one of the strongest state-wide CASA programs in the country. We hope you can join us!

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This conference is designed to specifically benefit and educate CASA Volunteers, program staff and board members who want to enhance their skills in advocacy. Further, we invite Judges, GALs, CPS and Foster Care workers, Mental Health professionals and other "partners" in the human service field to join us in this effort to enhance and strengthen our skills as we serve abused and neglected children in Virginia.

## LOCATION

The conference will be held at the Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel at 36th and Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, Virginia. For overnight accommodations, call the hotel directly at (800) 521-5635 BEFORE Thursday, October 28 in order to take advantage of the special group rate of \$55.00 single/double room plus taxes. After that date, rooms will be available at the conference rate based upon availability. Please identify yourself as an attendee of the Statewide CASA Conference sponsored by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. Directions may be obtained by calling the hotel.





# AGENDA

## **Friday, November 19, 2004**

**8:30–10:00**     **Registration/Continental Breakfast**

**10:00–12:00**     **Welcome and Opening Session**

Introduction: Leonard G. Cooke, Director, Department of Criminal Justice Services

Welcome Address: The Honorable J. Dean Lewis, NCASAA Board Member

Keynote Address: “The Power of One”—Principles of Effective Leadership

Speaker: Dr. Crystal Kuykendall

**12:00–1:15**     **Luncheon**

**1:15– 2:30**     **Concurrent Workshops**

- ❖ Effective Advocacy for Foster Children with Special Education Needs Part 1
- ❖ Effective Strategies for Working with Black and Hispanic Youth and Families
- ❖ Concurrent Planning: Making the Best Plans for Children in Foster Care

**2:45–4:00**     **Concurrent Workshops**

- ❖ Effective Advocacy for Foster Children with Special Education Needs Part 2
- ❖ TAKING CARE of OURSELVES....Preventing Burnout in Volunteers and Staff
- ❖ A View from the Bench—A Panel Discussion with J&DR Judges on the Effectiveness of CASA Programs

**4:15–5:30**     **Concurrent Workshops**

- ❖ Structured Decision Making—Preventing Child Maltreatment Through Improved Child Protection Techniques
- ❖ Working Effectively with Substance Abusing Parents
- ❖ The Child and Family Services Review: The Next Steps for Virginia’s Children

**5:30–6:30**     **Participants Reception**

Please join us for networking, light hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar



**Saturday, November 20, 2004**

**8:00–9:00**      **Continental Breakfast**

**9:00–10:15**    **Concurrent Workshops**

- ❖ Symptoms of Grief, Loss and Trauma in Children in Foster Care
- ❖ The ICPC—What CASA Volunteers and Partners Need to Know About the ICPC and Pending Changes to the Law
- ❖ Effective Advocacy for Youth Aging Out of the Foster Care System

**10:30–11:45**    **Concurrent Workshops**

- ❖ Successful Treatment Strategies for Children and Families Who've Experienced Grief, Loss and Trauma due to Separation from Foster Care Placement
- ❖ How to Read Medical Charts Without Going to Medical School
- ❖ Evaluating Parental Psychological Capacity

**12:00–2:00**    **Lunch & Closing Session**

- ❖ All Things Bright and Beautiful Children's Choir Performance
- ❖ Volunteer Recognition
- ❖ Speaker: Lori Thomas: "When Love Won't Let Go"  
*(The story of one family's adoptive journey with a special needs child with reactive attachment disorder)*





## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Dr. Crystal Arlene Kuykendall** is considered one of the most dynamic individuals of our time. A savvy speaking sensation, she is an engaging educator, human relations expert, legal analyst/litigator, endearing author and loving mother.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, with very humble beginnings, Dr. Kuykendall graduated from Hyde Park High School with four scholarships at the age of 16. She received her B.A. from Southern Illinois University (Carbondale) as a Government major.

Through an Assistantship, she graduated from Montclair State University (Montclair, NJ) with a Master of Arts degree in Sociology. Through a Ford Fellowship, she received her Doctorate in Educational Administration from Atlanta University. Always seeking additional avenues for advocacy and service, Dr. Kuykendall received her Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center in 1981, and was admitted to the Bar Association of the District of Columbia in 1988.

Since 1990, she has given over 100 speeches annually. Her audiences connect almost instantly with her high energy, charm, charismatic delivery, and moving messages. A former elementary and secondary public school teacher, Dr. Kuykendall taught at Seton Hall University and Montclair State University. She is the former Executive Director of the National Alliance of Black School Educators. She also served as Director of Urban & Minority Relations for the National School Boards Association, and the Director of the Citizens Training Institute for the National Committee for Citizens in Education. Appointed by U.S. President Jimmy Carter to the National Advisory Council on Continuing Education, she served as Council Chairperson from 1979–1981. She was also chosen by the editors of Ebony Magazine as one of the “50 Leaders of the Future” in 1979. Dr. Kuykendall is the author of a national best selling book entitled “From Rage to Hope: Reclaiming Black and Hispanic Students” among other titles.

## CONFERENCE FACULTY *Scheduled Presenters at the Conference will include:*

- ❖ **Andrew Block, Esq.**  
*JustChildren Program, Legal Aid Justice Center*
- ❖ **Sally Erny, B.S.**  
*Director of Program Development, National CASA Association*
- ❖ **Judge Jeff Fairbanks**  
*9th District Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court*
- ❖ **Joanne Glass, LCSW, BCD**  
*Child Abuse Program, Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters*
- ❖ **Gail Heath, MSW**  
*CPS Program Consultant, Virginia Department of Social Services*

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## **CONFERENCE FACULTY** *(Continued)*

- ❖ **Kent Hymel, M.D.**  
*Medical Director, Pediatric FACT Program, INOVA Fairfax Hospital for Children*
- ❖ **Lynette Isbell, B.S.**  
*CFSR Coordinator, Division of Family Services, Virginia Department of Social Services*
- ❖ **Crystal Kuykendall, Ed.D., Esq.**  
*K.I.R.K., Inc.*
- ❖ **Judge J. Dean Lewis, (Ret.)**  
*15th District Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court*
- ❖ **Marcella Marcey, Ph.D.**  
*Psychologist, Private Practice*
- ❖ **Letha Moore-Jones, MSW**  
*Independent Living Program Supervisor and Coordinator, Virginia Department of Social Services*
- ❖ **Diedre Pierson**  
*Richmond Behavioral Health Authority*
- ❖ **Patrick Plourde, B.S.**  
*Independent Living Specialist, Virginia Department of Social Services*
- ❖ **Judge Stephen W. Rideout, (Ret.)**  
*Chief Judge Alexandria Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court*
- ❖ **Lori Thomas**  
*Foster/Adoptive Parent, President, Hope Village, Inc.*
- ❖ **Mary Walter, B.S.**  
*CPS Coordinator, Norfolk Department of Social Services*
- ❖ **Judge Ellen White**  
*24th District Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court*
- ❖ **Therese Wolfe**  
*Foster Care Program Supervisor, Virginia Department of Social Services*

# REGISTRATION

*A \$50.00 registration fee includes two breakfasts, two lunches, the participants reception and conference materials. Registration is available online at [www.dcjs.virginia.gov](http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov) or you may complete the attached form and mail it with your check to DCJS, Attn: Finance, Judy Lloyd, 805 East Broad Street, 10th floor, Richmond, VA 23219. Please make checks payable to the Treasurer of Virginia.*

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☐ GAL

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☐ CASA Volunteer

☐ Judge

☐ Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

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